

WELCOME

Today's graduation ceremony recognizes the successful transition from civilian to basic Marine and consists of a traditional military parade followed by special recognition for those who have excelled while in Recruit Training and final dismissal.

After the graduation ceremony, we encourage you to visit the Command Museum across the parade deck. For your dining convenience, we offer the bowling alley snack bar and the individual food vendors at the Marine Corps Exchange.

Due to security concerns, our guests are not allowed into the recruit training areas to include the recruit barracks and physical training areas.

The mission of the Recruit Depot and the Western Recruiting Region is to exercise operational control of enlisted recruiting operations in the 8th, 9th, and 12th Marine Corps Districts; to provide reception, processing, and recruit training for enlisted personnel following initial entry into the United States Marine Corps; and to produce a basically trained United States Marine embodied with the fighting spirit, core values and esprit de corps which have ensured our Corps' success for over 240 years

The unique relationship between the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and San Diego is the result of almost 150 years of mutual support, assistance and growth. This relationship is reflected in the history of the Marine Corps in San Diego, the Depot as a post of the Corps, and the heritage of San Diego itself.

Above all else, **We Make Marines.**



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Band Serenade

Chaplain's Prayer *

“Attention”, “Adjutant’s Call” And March-On

The National Anthem *

Sound Off

Presentation Of The Command To The Commander Of Troops

Report

Publication Of The Order And Officers Center

Battalion Commander’s Remarks

Presentation Of The Command To The Reviewing Officer

Pass In Review (Please Rise When The American Flag Passes)

Anchors Aweigh/The Marines’ Hymn *

Graduates Return Front And Center

Recognition Of The Company Staff

Retirement Of The Platoon Guidons And Recognition Of Honor Graduates

Final Dismissal

** PLEASE RISE*

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

A few weeks after establishing Camp Howard on North Island in San Diego, Col. Joseph Pendleton, on September 6, 1914, was the guest speaker at the U. S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego. The subject of his speech was “San Diego, an ideal location for a permanent Marine Corps Base.” The drive behind his lecture was the unsatisfactory conditions and the less than convenient location of his men and staff at Camp Howard. About this same time, Col. Pendleton wrote to the Commandant of the Marine Corps at Washington D. C. about the deplorable conditions at Camp Howard and presented the idea of the possible establishment of a permanent Marine Corps Base in San Diego.

The Navy General Board approved the establishment of a base on January 8, 1916 and the Marine Corps’ base on the bay tidelands called the Dutch Flats was authorized by a Naval appropriation bill of August 29, 1916, in large part due to the efforts of Congressman William Kettner. Groundbreaking on 232 acres took place on March 2, 1919. Construction and occupation of the base took place from 1919 through 1926. On December 1, 1921, Pendleton (now a General), placed it into commission as the Marine Advanced Expeditionary Base, San Diego. In 1923, the Marine Recruit Depot for the West Coast relocated from Mare Island Navy Shipyards in Vallejo, CA, to its new home at the San Diego Marine Base. On March 1, 1924, the base that had been developed as a result of the vision and efforts of General Pendleton became, officially, Marine Corps Base San Diego, and would be known by that name for the next twenty-four years.

The base now consisted of approximately 388 acres, of which some, 367 acres had been reclaimed tidal area. Throughout World War II, the principal activity of the base, recruit training, overshadowed all other functions. After the war, the recruit training detachment remained the principal tenant. Marine Corps Base San Diego has been home to the 4th, 6th and 10th Marine Regiments, the Fleet Marine Force and the 2nd Marine Division. However, the main focus of the base has always been training and “the making of Marines.” On January 1, 1948, Marine Corps Base San Diego was officially renamed Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The Recruit Training Command grew from three to eight battalions to handle the troop requirements for the Korean War. More than 700 Quonset huts were erected to handle the influx of recruits, some of which are still standing today. The Vietnam War caused the next period of major expansion. A 100-tent cantonment had to be erected to handle the overflow of recruits. Five new recruit barracks, a new dining hall, new bowling alley, a new Regional Dental and Medical Clinic were constructed on the depot. In the 1970’s the focus increased to include the recruiting effort and the Depot became Headquarters, Western Recruiting Region.

Today the Recruit Depot provides its Nation’s Corps with basically trained Marines to fight in the current conflicts around the world. The Depot has the responsibility to train male and female recruits who reside west of the Mississippi River to serve at the call of the Nation.

Known for its unique Spanish Colonial Revival style appearance, the overall site and specific building plans were developed by renowned architect, Bertram Goodhue, who also designed the buildings at San Diego’s Balboa Park for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition.

Thirteen buildings have been named for famous Marines, such a Daly Barracks, Pendleton Hall, Lejuene Hall, McDougall Hall, and Day Hall. Today, the Depot has 388 acres and 25 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment



On behalf of Brigadier General David C. Hyman, Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, and the Marines, Sailors, and Civilian Marines of the Recruit Training Regiment, it is my privilege to welcome you to this morning’s graduation ceremony. Today, we come together to support your loved one and witness a milestone moment in their personal and professional journey.

The love and support you provided laid the foundation for their success and gave them the strength to take the first step in joining our all-volunteer force. Your presence today is a powerful expression of your ongoing commitment to your new Marine and to our Nation. We are honored to

welcome you into our Marine Corps family. This morning, we recognize your Marine’s extraordinary accomplishment in earning the title United States Marine. This is a defining moment and one they will carry with pride for the rest of their lives.

Marine Corps recruit training is the most challenging in the Nation, demanding the highest levels of discipline, endurance, and determination. Standing before you is a company of Marines who have risen to that challenge and earned their place in our ranks. To get to where they are today, these Marines has been trained physically, mentally, and emotionally through a time-tested process that transforms individuals into Marines. Many contributed to that transformation - families, mentors, coaches, teachers, and counselors - who shaped their character long before they arrived at the Yellow Footprints. Marine Corps Recruiters recognized their potential and helped them begin this journey. Their Primary Marksmanship Instructors aided in their qualification, which ensures every Marine a rifleman. No one, however, had a greater impact than the Marine Corps Drill Instructor. For 13 weeks, they have led with courage, humility, and resolve - demanding excellence and instilling our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. They’ve forged the five essential Marine Attributes: exemplary character, toughness, warfighting skill, decision-making, and leadership. As a result, each Marine graduating today has passed the test, exceeded the standard, and earned their place in our Corps. I have full confidence in their ability to meet any challenge.

Thank you for joining us. Enjoy your visit. Best wishes for a joyful reunion and safe travels home.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy A. Maese".

Semper Fidelis,
Tracy A. Maese
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps

FLAG ETIQUETTE

The United States Marine Corps has long established a tradition of rendering proper honors and courtesies to the American Flag with ceremony and decorum. If this is your first visit to a military installation, we would like to acquaint you with “Flag Etiquette” and welcome you to join us in showing courtesy to our Flag as defined by U.S. Code Title 4 and 36, and as observed aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

In observance of U.S. Code Title 4 and 36, individuals in uniform, members of the armed forces not in uniform, and military veterans may render a military salute to the American Flag while it is being hoisted, being lowered, and passing by. The same courtesies should be rendered while the National Anthem is played.

Gentlemen wearing hats who do not render a salute to the flag should remove their head gear and on the first note of the National Anthem, place their right hand over their heart until the last note of the National Anthem.

Ladies are not required to remove their headdress. On the first note of the National Anthem, ladies should stand, face the flag, and place their right hand over their heart until the last note of the National Anthem. All present should remain standing until the last note of the National Anthem is played.

If the Flag is not visible during the National Anthem, please stand and face the sound of the music. If driving during Morning or Evening Colors, persons in vehicles within sight or hearing of the ceremony should halt the vehicle at the side of the road, and remain inside the vehicle until the final bugle call “Carry On” is sounded.

When Honors are being rendered to the Flag, or while it is passing in a parade of review, it is considered disrespectful to smoke, talk, to take pictures, or to be involved in boisterous or noisy activity. If you are in doubt ask the military personnel about appropriate courtesies at any time, or look around. The immediate vicinity will guide your actions.

MARINE CORPS VALUES

WHY WE SUCCEED

Generation after generation of American men and women have given special meaning to the title United States Marine. These men and women live by a set of Core Values, which forms the bedrock of their character. Core Values give Marines strength and regulate their behavior; they bind the Marine Corps into a total force that can meet any challenge... and succeed.

HONOR

Honor guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; to never lie, cheat or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; and to respect human dignity. It is the quality of maturity, dedication, trust and dependability that compels Marines to act responsibly; to hold themselves and each other accountable for their actions; and to fulfill their obligations.

COURAGE

Courage is the mental, moral and physical strength ingrained in Marines. It carries them through the challenges of combat and helps them overcome fear. Likewise, it is the inner strength that enables a Marine to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct; and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure.

COMMITMENT

Commitment is the spirit of selfless determination and dedication found in Marines. It leads to the highest order of discipline for individuals and units. It is the ingredient that enables 24-hour a day dedication to Corps and Country. It inspires the unrelenting determination to achieve a high standard of excellence in every endeavor.



PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER



Brigadier General
Micheal R. Nakonieczny
Deputy Commanding General
I Marine Expeditionary Force,
1st Marine Division

Brigadier General Nakonieczny is a native of Buena Park, California and is the son of a Marine. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at Davis and was commissioned through the Platoon Leaders Course.

His operational assignments include serving as Platoon Commander, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR) Battalion (15th MEU); Company Commander, Weapons Company, 1st LAR Battalion; Company Commander, Alpha Company, 3rd LAR Battalion (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II-2, 5-7); Executive Officer, First Battalion, First Marines (13th MEU); Director, First Marine Division Schools; Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division; Commanding Officer, 1st LAR Battalion; and Commanding Officer, 31st MEU.

His staff and joint assignments include serving as Executive Officer, Company H, Marine Security Guard Battalion; Company Commander, Light Armored Vehicle Training Company, School of Infantry West; Deputy Director, J3 Afghanistan, USSOCOM; Director, Concepts and Plans, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory; Military Assistant to the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Military Secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Brigadier General Nakonieczny graduated with honors from The Basic School and the U.S. Army Armor Captains Career Course. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and was the recipient of the Joint Service Planner Award from the Marine Corps War College.

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AWARDS

COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in the company who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps is presented with a plaque from the Marine Corps Association denoting that he is the number one Marine in his company. The company honor graduate also receives a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment recognizing their superior performance during recruit training.

SERIES HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in their series who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps is presented with a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Battalion recognizing their superior performance during recruit training.

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in their platoon who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps will receive a plaque from the Marine Corps Association denoting that they are the honor graduate of their platoon.

MARKSMANSHIP AWARD

The one Marine in the company who fired the highest score on the Rifle Range is awarded a plaque from the Marine Corps Association stating that they are the high shooter in the company. The company high shooter also receives a certificate from the Company Commander denoting that they are the company high shooter.

PHYSICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The one Marine in the company that receives the highest score on the Physical Fitness Test is awarded a certificate from the Company Commander denoting that they are the most physically fit Marine in their company.

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION

Those Marines who have demonstrated a high degree of proficiency and have shown exceptional leadership ability may be promoted meritoriously to the grade of Private First Class or Lance Corporal. **The Marines noted in this program with asterisks by their names have been promoted meritoriously to their present grade.**
(EX.) PFC* C. M. COLBURN

MARINE

“Among all the honors, among all the postings, promotions, medals, that have been awarded me, the one in which I take most pride is to be able to say, I am a Marine.”

-Major General John A. Lejeune,
13th Commandant of the Marine Corps

GRADUATION STAFF

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/ WESTERN RECRUITING REGION

Commanding General	Brigadier General D. C. Hyman
Chief of Staff	Colonel C. R. Von Bergen
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major O. A. Leavy
Parade Reviewing Officer	Brigadier General M. R. Nakonieczny

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer	Colonel T. A. Maese
Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel W. Williams
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major R. K. Palmer
Regimental Drill Master	Gunnery Sergeant K. M. Wilton
Narrator	Staff Sergeant J. Anderson

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel P. C. Trower
Executive Officer	Major J. O. Alston
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major R. A. Jeminez
Chaplain	Lieutenant K. Chur
Battalion Drill Master	Staff Sergeant C. S. Phillips

COMPANY H

Commanding Officer	Captain I. A. Liston
Company First Sergeant	First Sergeant T. A. Brady

SERIES 2161

Series Commander	1st Lieutenant B. J. Powers
Chief Drill Instructor	Staff Sergeant J. P. Mosczynski

SERIES 2165

Series Commander	Captain C. N. Schiller
Chief Drill Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant E. A. Rankine

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor	Staff Sergeant H. Ford
Drum Major	Sergeant M. Ferrick

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer	Sergeant J. Hamlett
Organizational Color Bearer	Sergeant S. Perez Jr.
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant M. Toland
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant C. Williams Jr.

PLATOON
2161

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT E. C. CORTEZ

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT D. T. GOODMAN

SERGEANT H. X. LIRETTE

STAFF SERGEANT S. E. ROJAS

SERGEANT D. L. TUCKER

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS L. D. PELISAMEN (295)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. T. SAI (325)	LANCE CORPORAL M. R. NAKONIECZNY JR.
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL J. M. JUAREZ	RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT M. GEVOSOURNY

PFC N. ACOSTADOMINGUEZ
PVT J. M. AVILA
PVT T. J. AXFORD
PVT G. J. BARAJASSANCHEZ
PFC A. BARRAGANLOPEZ JR.
PVT D. S. BORNSWELL
PVT J. P. BOUCHER
PFC T. W. BURDETT
PFC V. B. BURROWS
PVT G. W. BURT III
PVT L. J. CASSELS
PVT D. A. CLARK
PVT C. A. CONNERS
PVT B. I. CORREAESTRELLA
PFC L. M. CORTEZTRANJEL
PVT C. S. COSTELLO
PFC M. V. DACUMA
PFC L. G. DADIRO
PVT T. J. DAVIS
PVT B. R. DAWSON
PVT A. D. DIAZ
PVT T. J. EBANKS
PVT J. D. FORWARD
PVT D. C. FREDRICKSON
PVT L. A. GOINES II
PFC E. E. GORE
PVT T. N. HEDBERG
PVT R. A. HOFF
PFC M. W. HOMER
PVT M. A. HOPKINS
PVT J. W. HUTCHERSON
PFC I. JARAMILLOROSAS
PVT S. P. KANE
PVT E. KOROSSO
PVT F. LAMAS
PFC M. A. LOPEZ
PFC J. D. LOPEZ JR.
PVT B. LOPEZHERRERA
PFC A. LUNA
PVT P. H. MAGLAYA
PFC J. E. MCMULLINTRUE

PVT J. M. MEDRANO
PFC P. D. MEEKS
PVT O. A. MEJIA
PFC C. M MEJIAPEREZ
PVT A. G. MENDEZQUEVEDO
PVT A. R. MUNOZ
PFC J. D. MUNOZ
LCPL* M. R. NAKONIECZNY JR.
PFC R. T. NICHOLSON
PFC L. D. PELISAMEN
PVT G. M. PEREZ
PFC P. R. PEREZ
PFC L. K. PHELAN
PVT J. M. QUIZON
PVT S. T. RICCHIO
PFC K. R. RICE
PFC B. C. ROBERTS
PVT B. D. ROBLEE
PFC D. J. RODRIGUEZLARA
PVT L. H. RUIZVOLPI
PFC R. T. SAI
PVT A. SAMADI
PFC E. M. SEH III
PVT J. C. SMITH
PFC V. T. SOPOAGA
PFC L. E. SPAULDING
PVT T. R. TARO
PFC M. D. THAKKAR
PVT E. R. THANG
PFC Q. D. THOMSON
PVT A. E. TORRES
PFC G. TORRES
PVT J. M. VERAMORENO
PFC N. D. VLA
PFC K. J. WALKER
PVT D. K. WELLENS
PVT C. Z. WESTCOTT
PVT D. C. WILLIAMS
PVT C. M. WILSON
PVT S. K. XIONG
PVT Z. J. ZALEWSKI

PLATOON
2162

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT A. M. ELLIS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT T. TAYLOR

SERGEANT Q. RUSS

SERGEANT T. FRIAS

SERGEANT HAMBLIN

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Z. W. SMITH (294)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS L. M. ROUSSEAU (327)	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS C. W. KING
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL J. W. WORTHY	RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT D. V. FUENTES

PVT K. AGUILAR
PFC H. L. AYON
PVT A. R. BAILEY
PVT G. D. BARNES
PFC J. D. BARRIGA
PVT G. K. BAUMBAUGH
PVT A. N. BERMEDIA
PFC R. S. BLAINE
PVT M. J. BLAYDES
PVT J. L. BLAZEK
PVT B. T. BOYLE
PFC D. C. BROCKWAY
PVT L. D. BUSH III
PVT H. CAMCHOAVILA
PVT A. M. CARMACK
PVT N. J. CAWLEY
PVT A. T. CHAU
PFC A. J. COLLAZOALEJO
PVT R. C. CRAWFORD
PVT C. E. DAHLMAN
PFC D. J. DART
PFC* S. Y. DEAVILA
PVT A. J. DEMOS
PVT J. P. DIAZ III
PVT W. S. DOTEN
PFC A. E. EGENES
PVT I. L. EGGLESTON
PVT A. E. ESCOBAR
PFC* S. J. GARCIA
PVT R. GASTON JR.
PFC J. B. GILL
PFC A. H. GOODNER
PFC A. J. GUTHRIE
PVT G. S. SMITH
PFC M. J. HARRIS
PVT J. M. HARRIS
PVT J. M. HERRERA
PVT T. R. HIMES
PVT J. J. HODGE
PVT P. M. HOFFMAN
PVT P. L. JOHNSON
PVT C. D. JONES
PFC J. D. JONES
PVT C. W. KING
PVT A. J. KLEYWEGT
PVT J. D. KOENIG

PFC K. J. KOPP
PVT T. P. LAM
PVT A. J. LEMUS
PVT C. D. LIZARRAGAORTIZ
PVT H. J. MARTIN
PVT Y. MOHAMMED
PVT N. K. MOON
PVT J. S. MOORE
PVT H. Y. MORALES
PFC C. D. NAVARRO
PVT M. L. NELSON
PVT H. J. NEWCOMBE
PFC L. Z. OCHOA
PVT R. OUK
PVT N. S. PEREZ
PVT I. A. PILCHER
PVT J. G. PLANCARTECABRERA
PVT T. E. PLANE
PVT R. G. POLANIK
PFC J. R. RAMIREZ
PFC D. A. RAMOS
PVT E. S. RATIGAN
PVT J. R. RICE
PFC E. I. RODRIGUEZMOLINA
PFC* D. L. ROSS
PVT D. M. ROTHFUSZ
PFC* L. M. ROUSSEAU
PVT J. C. RUIZ
PFC S. J. SALGADO
PVT T. A. SASIETA
PVT J. J. SELF
PFC J. C. SIMION
PFC A. J. SMITH
PVT G. S. SMITH
PFC J. A. SMITH
PFC* Z. W. SMITH
PFC* C. M. SMOOT
PVT C. J. SPEARS
PVT L. G. SPINDLER
PVT J. T. STORK
PVT R. M. STYRE
PVT M. TSOSIE
PVT M. A. VALENZUELA
PVT A. D. WESTRUM
PFC L. R. WILLIAMS

PLATOON
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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
SERGEANT E. J. TUIOTIMARINER

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT J. M. HARRINGTON

SERGEANT B. LOPEZ

SERGEANT M. A. GUZMAN

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. S. PENCILLE (298)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. A. ALCATORRES (329)	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. S. PENCILLE
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL N. C. EGGEN	RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT C. ALFANO

PFC F. ACOSTA
PFC A. A. ALCALATORRES
PFC J. C. ALCARAZ
PVT M. A. ALDERETE
PVT A. J. ALMARAZ
PVT D. ALVIZSOTELO
PVT A. T. ATKINS
PVT J. A. AVILA
PVT J. M. BAKER
PVT D. BARRERA
PVT T. BLACKHORSE
PVT J. W. BRYAN
PFC* M. R. BRYANT
PVT J. T. BULL
PVT L. R. CINTO
PVT N. J. CRUZ
PVT B. P. CUMMINGS
PVT J. M. DOLINSKI
PVT A. J. DUARTECHAVEZ
PFC N. R. DUMESNIL
PVT B. B. EITAN
PVT E. A. ESQUIVAL
PFC* E. T. FARMER
PVT W. B. FLANNERY
PFC M. GARCIA
PVT J. GARIBAYMORENO
PFC H. I. GARZA
PFC A. J. GUADALUPEMORENO
PFC A. A. GUERRERO
PVT P. N. GURROLA
PVT R. D. HANEY
PVT S. J. HARDEN
PVT D. T. HARGRAVES
PFC D. J. HERNANDEZRENTERIA
PVT A. R. HERNANDEZTIZNADO
PVT A. HERRERA
PFC B. D. HERRERA
PFC* D. HERRERA
PVT M. J. HUESERS
PFC E. K. JANDER
PVT B. E. JENNINGS

PVT N. K. JOHNSON
PVT B. R. JONES
PVT D. J. JUAREZ
PVT Z.C. LANGORTHY
PFC C. M. LARSON
PVT R. J. LOMELI
PVT E. P. LONGHIBLER
PFC M. I. LUGO
PVT M. J. LYLE
PVT R. S. MARIN
PVT S. A. MARTIN
PVT P. MARTINEZ
PVT D. I. MATTICE
PVT J. P. MEJIA
PVT E. MENERA
PFC S. MIAZ
PVT T. J. MILLER
PFC* A. T. MIRANDA
PFC J. J. MONTANO
PVT E. MUNOZ
PFC F. R. MUNOZ
PVT C. J. MUNSON
PVT S. NEGRETE
PFC* A. L. OLIVERA
PFC G. S. PENCILLE
PVT J. A. PEREZIBARA
PVT E. C. PETTIFOR
PFC* T. J. PRESTON
PVT Y. RABANALES DIAZ
PFC J. A. RICHARDSON
PFC S. ROBLES
PVT J. G. SEBASTIAN
PVT A. R. SECODY
PVT I. C. SEEGONZALEZ
PVT R. A. SUTTON
PVT T. X. TAPIA
PVT B. A. TAVES
PVT J. O. VALDES
PVT K. D. WARREN
PVT D. A. WITT

PLATOON
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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT J. B. CARDOSOBATISTA

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT J. A. SACHEZ

SERGEANT C. N. ROMAN

SERGEANT A. A. RIZZO

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. J. CHEN (295)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE B. D. SIMMONS (334)	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. J. CHEN
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT K. BARRETO	RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT J. MACK

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PFC A. A. ALCALATORRES
PFC J. C. ALCARAZ
PVT M. A. ALDERETE
PVT A. J. ALMARAZ
PVT D. ALVIZSOTELO
PVT A. T. ATKINS
PVT J. A. AVILA
PVT J. M. BAKER
PVT D. BARRERA
PVT T. BLACKHORSE
PFC* J. W. BRYAN
PVT M. R. BRYANT
PVT J. T. BULL
PVT L. R. CINTO
PFC* E. J. CHEN
PVT N. J. CRUZ
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PVT J. M. DOLINSKI
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PFC N. R. DUMESNIL
PVT B. B. EITAN
PVT E. A. ESQUIVAL
PFC* E. T. FARMER
PVT W. B. FLANNERY
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PFC H. I. GARZA
PFC A. J. GUADALUPEMORENO
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PFC D. J. HERNANDEZRENTERIA
PVT A. R. HERNANDEZTIZNADO
PVT A. HERRERA
PFC B. D. HERRERA
PFC* D. HERRERA
PVT M. J. HUESERS
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PHASE II

PHASE II - RECRUIT TRAINING

We have enhanced Recruit Training by amplifying Core Values instruction and introducing The Crucible. A key element to the recent changes in recruit training is more time for the drill instructors to focus on character development with an emphasis on selflessness and teamwork.

There are 28 hours of programmed instruction on Core Values; however, the most powerful values exchange may very well come from the increased one-on-one time with the drill instructors who teach and demonstrate values such as selflessness, determination, loyalty and integrity.

The Crucible, in part, is the manifestation of the intangible values training that have taken place earlier in Recruit Training. It permeates the entire evolution, forging the selflessness, teamwork and Core Values concepts deep into each recruit. The Crucible is a 54-hour event that is designed to test a recruit’s mind, body, and spirit. It is a series of eight events revolving around obstacles, warrior stations, movement courses, and reaction problems tackled over a grueling 40-mile course. Sleep and food deprivation add to the rigor of the course, which is primarily designed to develop teamwork and camaraderie through shared hardship. Each warrior station is named after a Marine Corps hero whose actions epitomize the values we want all Marines to internalize. As a touchstone, this experience in values and hardship can be drawn upon in any challenge they might face.



PHASE III & IV

PHASE III - MOS SCHOOLS

After graduating from Recruit Training, and taking a well deserved ten days of leave, the new Marines report into the School of Infantry (SOI). SOI and consequent follow-on schools give the new Marines the technical expertise they need to excel in their Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) and the Fleet Marine Force (FMF).

PHASE IV - SUSTAINING THE TRANSFORMATION

All muscles atrophy without exercise; so too with character. Once started on a path of character development, there is no stopping. We are always developing our character until the day we die. The sustainment process continues Core Values training within units and is incorporated in all that we do as Marines, complementing a renewed emphasis on warfighting, combat leadership, and the concepts of responsibility and accountability.



THE TRANSFORMED AMERICAN

The Corps has a long established pattern of Marines who have left the active duty ranks to become strong leaders in their communities and for the Nation and we will continue to send men and women of strong character and values back to society. These Marines will carry the legacy of high character, like those Marines who are presently doing great things for our Nation. We have received countless letters from influential public leaders who are former Marines. They give testimony to the direct connection between the character traits they forged in the Corps and their success and fulfillment in life. End result: We will continue to provide society with people of great character, whether they do four or forty years in the Marine Corps.

PLATOON 2166

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT G. L. SIMMONS JR.

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT E. TRUJILLOROJAS JR.

SERGEANT A. RODRIGUEZ

SERGEANT J. A. MCKELLEP

STAFF SERGEANT H. RIOS

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. J. JOHNSON (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. D. MORARUIZ (333)

INSTRUCTOR: LANCE CORPORAL C. R. GREENE

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. M. TAFF

RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT R. A. ALVARADO

PVT D. AGUILAR
PVT C. A. AGUIRRE IV
PVT A. A. AJXUP
PVT A. V. ALCANTAR
PVT L. M. ALVAREZ
PVT A. ARIAS JR.
PVT G. J. ARMSTRONG
PVT J. B. ASMAL
PFC J. BARRIENTOS
PVT D. J. BAXTER
PVT S. K. BERESFORD
PVT W. B. BERRY
PFC N. C. BITSUI
PVT E. M. BLANCOLANDER
PFC D. A. BOLDEN
PFC J. O. BRUMBAUGH
PVT T. J. BURKART
PFC J. M. CAUDILLO
PVT M. R. CHISLER
PFC C. M. COMER
PFC K. P. CONWAY
PFC K. K. DANG
PVT K. J. DARDONCARRANZA
PVT E. B. DAVIS
PVT G. M. DENNISON
PVT J. V. DIAZ
PFC J. T. EDDINGS JR.
PFC A. H. ENGELDINGER
PVT J. J. FLORES
PVT M. FLORESGUTIERREZ
PVT C. R. GALLEGOS
PFC J. S. GALLEGOS
PFC* E. GONZALEZ
PVT C. J. GOODMAN
PFC N. HERNANDEZ
PVT M. J. HIDALGO
PVT N. M. HOEL
PVT C. S. HURLEY
PVT S. M. ISAYEV
PVT A. J. IVORY
PFC J. I. JANDURA
PFC* T. J. JOHNSON
PVT G. B. JONES
PVT Z. F. KARIM
PVT A. LEYVAAREVALO
PFC J. H. LLANESRAMIREZ
PFC R. J. LOGSDON

PFC A. A. LOZANO
PVT E. MARTINEZ
PVT V. E. MARTINEZ
PVT T. D. MCGOWAN
PFC Q. G. MCNEILL
PFC L. F. MORALES
PFC E. D. MORARUIZ
PVT A. E. MORFIN
PFC G. OCHOA
PFC M. E. ORELLANA
PFC A. L. ORELLANACASTANEDA
PFC U. ORTEGA
PVT V. E. OTERO
PFC A. PACHECO
PVT C. M. PACHECO
PVT I. I. PEREZRAMIREZ
PVT J. R. PYLES
PVT K. D. RIVERA
PFC* H. J. RODGER
PFC A. RODRIGUEZ
PVT E. RODRIGUEZ JR.
PFC G. SALCIDO III
PVT B. SALGADO
PVT M. K. SCHLATTER
PFC J. T. SCHWARTZ
PVT B. D. SMALLER
PVT A. G. SOBERANES
PVT C. C. STARRETT
PVT K. J. STASZEL
PVT D. D. STEPHENSMCKAY
PFC* T. M. TAFF
PFC J. S. TAUTALA
PVT L. E. TAYLOR
PFC* P. E. TAYLOR
PVT C. L. TAYLOR III
PVT M. D. URIBE
PVT E. R. VANBOEKHOUT
PVT R. VARELA JR.
PVT S. E. VARILLAS
PFC E. D. VEGA
PVT D. VICENTEMANUEL
PFC* R. K. WATERS
PVT K. A. WEBER
PFC B. A. WILLIAMS
PFC D. A. ZARATE
PVT Z. J. ZERWAS
PVT M. W. ZIEGELMANN

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PLATOON 2167

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DRILL INSTRUCTORS

GUNNERY SERGEANT G. J. MARTINEZ

GUNNERY SERGEANT R. SEWELL

SERGEANT X. COMPTON

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

LANCE CORPORAL J. A. KARY (292)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

LANCE CORPORAL J. A. KARY (333)

INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL J. MEYER

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

LANCE CORPORAL J. A. KARY

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PVT C. O. ALVARADOMELGAREJO JR.
PVT O. M. ANTONIO
PVT E. G. AQUINORAMIREZ
PVT A. E. ARDON
PFC J. A. ARNSDORF
PVT J. T. BATTENBERG
PVT J. C. BELTRAME
PVT A. BELTRAN
PVT A. M. BENITEZ
PVT B. A. BERNARD
PVT J. R. BETZLER
PVT C. R. BISHOP
PVT E. M. BOSTON
PFC E. J. BUDD
PFC* S. E. BULL
PFC* A. A. CANCERAN
PVT J. A. CARMONA
PVT J. M. CASTREJON
PVT B. K. CENTOLA
PVT J. A. COCHRAN
PVT J. I. COLMENARES
PFC A. W. CONANT II
PVT J. E. CONCEPCION
PFC* J. N. CONTRERAS
PVT I. J. DABDOUB
PVT R. Q. DAUGHERTY
PVT J. V. DAVILA
PVT E. S. DAVIS
PVT A. M. DEMARCE
PVT L. R. DENY
PVT C. J. DORAME
PVT D. J. DOUGLAS
PVT S. M. DUNN
PVT E. C. EMIGH
PFC* A. ESPARZA
PFC N. C. ETZWILER
PVT J. J. EVANS
PVT N. I. EWAH
PVT A. M. FIGUEROA
PVT E. FONG
PVT M. GAONA
PVT J. GARCIA
PVT D. S. GUIGNS
PVT M. A. GUIDO
PFC D. S. HADDEN

PFC H. M. HOLLAND
PVT M. J. HOLLAND
PVT O. H. HOUCK
PVT A. X. HUETE
PVT K. C. HUFFMAN
PFC* M. J. KALSTO
LCPL* J. A. KARY
PVT J. D. KELLER
PFC N. S. KELLER
PVT D. LARA
PFC J. LOPEZ
PVT H. M. MACLENNAN
PFC W. J. MAYS
PVT K. A. MENDOZA
PVT D. M. MILLER
PVT K. J. MILLS
PVT A. J. MOLINAMONTEZ
PVT Z. M. MONTANO
PVT V. F. MORES
PFC* L. M. MUNIZ
PVT R. P. NOLAN
PFC C. B. PETERSON
PVT D. RAMIREZ
PVT C. A. REYES
PVT M. J. REYES
PFC C. J. RIFFE
PVT D. E. RODRIGUEZ
PFC G. RODRIGUEZ
PVT J. M. ROUFIS
PFC V. A. RUIZ
PVT G. SALAZAR
PFC R. R. SANDOVAL
PVT R. L. SCHACHDONNELLY
PVT A. I. SILVAARMENDARIZ
PVT B. G. SIMS
PVT J. K. SIMS
PVT J. O. SULLIVAN
PVT G. J. SUNDBERG
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PVT O. L. TORRES
PVT J. I. TURNER
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WHY THE TRANSFORMATION?

The most important things the Marine Corps does for our Nation are to make Marines and win battles. The Corps is a versatile, force-in-readiness prepared to handle a variety of missions. We continue to be a force rich in history and traditions, ingrained with the highest values of honor, courage and commitment.



At the very time when a host of factors is tending to undermine individual character development in society, Marines are facing an operational environment which requires stronger character and moral virtue. We live and operate in a world that is proving to be increasingly complex and interconnected. As a result, the Corps is in the midst of an evolution of the uses of force that are not quite war, not quite peace, not quite conventional peace, not quite conventional military operations, and not quite civil police duties.

The Nation has committed Marines to a wide range of scenarios, from peacekeeping operations in Somalia to non-combatant evacuation operations in Liberia, to more conventional conflicts like Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq. Operations such as these involve independent units confronted by situations that have operational and strategic implications. The battlefield is becoming so technologically advanced that weapon systems will be able to kill by smell, sight or sound. In order to ensure success in these situations, we have looked to the Marines of the past to see what made them successful in battles like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima and the Chosin Reservoir.



The answer was strong character and a fighting spirit that overcame all obstacles. This is what will allow us to dominate the high tech and diverse battlefields of the future. This will allow us to win America's military battles and to send transformed Americans home to strengthen the very fabric of our society.

Quite simply, we are continuing to focus on and to enhance the root source of a Marine's indomitable fighting spirit: the determination to overcome any obstacle that stands in the way, fueled by unshakeable honor, courage, and commitment.

PHASE I

HOW WE ARE DOING IT

We believe that new Marines need to be forged in a furnace of shared hardship, mutual commitment, and teamwork. This common, intense experience creates bonds of comradeship and cohesion so strong that Marines will refuse to let each other down. This forging of character, discipline, and fitness will continue to be the basis upon which we make Marines. Holding onto the high character of the Marines of the past, we look for ways to inculcate the strong values that have become synonymous with the Marine Corps. We are attacking the character development challenge in four phases: Recruiting, Recruit Training, MOS Schools, and Sustainment.

PHASE I - RECRUITING

Teaching these character traits starts in the recruiting process. Recruiting duty is a vital assignment in the Marine Corps. Marine Recruiters take it seriously and feel a great responsibility to fulfill the job to the best of their ability. Many Marines say that recruiting duty is among the most rewarding assignments they have had as a Marine, because they are helping to ensure the high standards and future of our Corps.



Most Marine Recruiters have earned the rank of Sergeant or above, which means they have had four or more years of experience in the Marine Corps serving in one of several hundred Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). They know what it means to serve as a Marine. Meeting a Marine Recruiter gives you personal access to someone who has lived and served in the Marine Corps. No matter where you are in the decision-making process, talking to a recruiter can give you more information. You are under no obligation when speaking to a Marine Corps Recruiter, as he or she knows the importance of the decision, and will help determine if you are right for the Marine Corps—and if the Marine Corps is right for you.

First, we recruit young men and women who have demonstrated potential and commitment. Then we prepare them through physical fitness and ready them for the intense forging they will experience in recruit training. Most enlistees spend up to 12 months in the Delayed Entry Program preparing to undergo recruit training and become Marines.



Their preparation includes physical conditioning, study guides, introduction to Marine Corps history and tradition and, most importantly, introduction to Core Values. The bottom line is we are paying more attention to a prospective Marine's character and fitness during screening.